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In response to the outstanding Official Action of September 23, 2003, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Claims 1-19 remain active in this application.

The present invention is directed to a sheet cosmetic comprising an aqueous gel sheet having **no supporting layer**.

The rejection of Claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over JP 8-188,527 (hereinafter JP '527) is respectfully traversed.

JP '527 fails to describe a cosmetic sheet having no supporting layer.

JP '527 describes a sheet-like pack used for skin regulation and cosmetic (page 5 [0001] of English language translation). The reference describes that the pack agent layer is **provided on a base fabric**, such a synthetic resin films, non-woven fabrics, and non-woven paper (page 21 [0019] of English language translation). The reference further describes that the pack agent layer is provided on the base fabric (page 21 [0019] of English language